



An Exceptional Foundation for Higher Education. International School of Arizona's Middle School Prepares Students for a Lifetime of Success.

The International School of Arizona offers language immersion programs that begin at 18 months and continue through eighth grade. Our fully accredited Spanish and French language immersion programs allow your child to achieve bilingualism through play, routine and the study of math, science, social studies, music and art.

Students who learn through language immersion programs graduate an average of two or three years ahead of their peers, and they are also statistically proven to have higher test scores, stronger literacy skills, enhanced cognitive abilities and better employability later in life.

That's why we're so proud to offer a middle school educational curriculum that continues and expands on the strong language-based education our students receive in our Early Childhood and Lower Schools. The Middle School Curriculum is specifically designed to prepare students to best utilize their language skills in high school, college and beyond, so that they can achieve lasting fluency in French or Spanish. In addition, the program enables students to enter an English language, higher education school armed with the same if not better knowledge and skills than standard middle schools.

We have a 22-year history in Arizona, and our evolving, adaptive and culturally inclusive curriculum follows the requirements of the French Ministry of Education and the Spanish Ministry of Education. In today's global society, bilingualism has never been more valuable, and our French and Spanish immersion programs lead not only to cognitive, social and emotional development, but also improved learning capabilities and long-term personal, professional and academic success.



**INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL OF ARIZONA**

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ISA is the only accredited school in the Valley offering programs in French & Spanish, from 18 months to Grade 8.

The International School of Arizona specializes in bilingual language fluency and academic excellence. Our Middle School teachers are qualified experts in their fields, native speakers and understand early adolescence

The program offers 49% of instruction in French or Spanish, 48% in English, and 3% in the student's chosen third language: French, Spanish or German.

Students move from class to class throughout the day, learning and working in settings that are designed for each subject. Unlike many other U.S. Middle Schools, students remain together in the same group, adding to their social well-being and confidence.

After-school enrichment programs contribute to the education of the whole student; offering opportunities to explore sports, arts and academics.

BENEFITS OF PRIVATE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Small classroom sizes
- Individual & personalized attention
- Inquiry-based learning
- Integrated technology
- Higher standard of conduct
- Greater success rate for higher education

MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

FOREIGN LANGUAGE + TRADITIONAL U.S. CURRICULUM

	6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
Foreign Language Curriculum	<p>LANGUAGE: Grammar, writing and essay skills.</p> <p>HUMANITIES: Combining science and history.</p> <p>MATH: Geometry.</p> <p>SCIENCE: Biology and physics.</p> <p>ART: Drawing and use of texture.</p> <p>HEALTH AND PE: Sports and games.</p>	<p>LANGUAGE: Comprehension and written skills.</p> <p>HUMANITIES: Economics and current affairs.</p> <p>MATH: Equations with variables.</p> <p>SCIENCE: Space exploration and evolution.</p> <p>ART: Shading, design and drawing.</p> <p>HEALTH AND PE: Sports, games and health.</p>	<p>LANGUAGE: Oral and written communication; thinking and reasoning.</p> <p>HUMANITIES: 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.</p> <p>MATH: Algorithms.</p> <p>SCIENCE: Genetics, DNA and cell study.</p> <p>ART: Historical sketches, retouching images and creating comics.</p> <p>HEALTH AND PE: Games, sports and healthy activities.</p>
U.S. Curriculum	<p>LANGUAGE: Writing skills and formats.</p> <p>HUMANITIES: Ancient middle east, Egypt and China.</p> <p>MATH: Broad-based math instruction.</p> <p>SCIENCE: Earth and life science..</p> <p>MUSIC: Rhythm, melody and harmony.</p>	<p>LANGUAGE: Writing skills.</p> <p>HUMANITIES: 20th century history.</p> <p>MATH: Pre-Algebra.</p> <p>SCIENCE: Earth studies and energy.</p> <p>MUSIC: Rhythm, melody and harmony.</p>	<p>LANGUAGE: Expansion of writing skills.</p> <p>HUMANITIES: Industrial revolution, World War II and Vietnam War.</p> <p>MATH: Pre-algebra and Algebra 1.</p> <p>SCIENCE: Physics.</p> <p>MUSIC: Rhythm, melody and harmony.</p>

PERSONAL INQUIRY PROJECT / 3RD LANGUAGE (SPANISH, FRENCH or GERMAN) / ROBOTICS

The Personal Inquiry Project is an interdisciplinary unit and encourages students to research a subject of their choice. They need to develop and apply their analytical and communication skills. It is great preparation for higher education assignments.



Keep Your Child on a Pathway to Fluency

Studies have repeatedly shown that the most optimal time to learn a new language is before the age of 12 and that kids learn languages best by continuously listening to and practicing them. Research also shows that students who complete language immersion programs graduate an average of two or three years ahead of their peers who do not participate in these programs.

The Middle School program at the International School of Arizona seeks to give elementary school students a pathway through which they can continue to expand their fluency and comprehension of their chosen language. The longer a student studies a particular language, the more likely he or she will be to retain it, and ISA's Middle School program helps ensure retention by eliminating the risk of language attrition.

International School of Arizona is ready to serve your family and your child as they enjoy their 6th-8th grade years. To find out more about our exciting Middle School curriculum and educational opportunities:

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